

## United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT VALE DISTRICT

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 9212

## Notice of Emergency Fire Prevention Orders on Public Land within the Vale District, Oregon.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, Oregon.

ACTION: Emergency Fire Prevention Orders for public land within the Vale District, Oregon.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is temporarily prohibiting some activities and uses of the

public lands during periods of high fire danger. This regulation is necessary to protect natural

resources and the public's health and safety.

DATES: Saturday, July 12, 2008 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: These orders will apply to all public lands administered by the Vale District Bureau of Land Management. The BLM has determined that these orders are necessary to protect natural resources and provide for public safety. Under 43 CFR 9212.2, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following orders on the public lands within the Vale District, Oregon.

## Orders to be enforced:

- 1. You must not build, maintain or attend a campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire, except within the existing metal fire rings located at the following Recreation sites, Chukar Park in Malheur County, Westfall, Airport, Bob Creek, Spring Recreation sites and Carters Landing, in Baker County. NOTE: Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted. When used outside of developed recreation sites they must be used within an area at least ten (10) feet in diameter that is barren, or clear of all flammable materials.
- 2. You must not operate an automobile, pickup, truck, or any other motorized equipment that is wider than 50 inches or has a dry weight of 800 pounds or more, on public lands without a shovel not less than 26" in overall length, with a blade not less than 8" wide, and a container with at least one gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher. All Motorcycles and All Terrain Vehicles must be equipped with a properly functioning U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor.
- 3. You must not smoke outside of a vehicle, trailer or building, except within areas barren of all flammable materials for at least a 3 foot diameter, or aboard boats on rivers and lakes.
- 4. You must not possess, discharge or use any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device to include sparklers. This order does not differentiate between lawful use or careless/negligent use of fireworks, but prohibits all fireworks activity and their use on public lands as identified above.

PENALTIES: On public lands, under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)) and 43 CFR 9212.4, any person who violates any of these supplementary rules within the boundaries established in the rules may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3 (a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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